

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NAOJI OTSUKA ET AL. )  
Application No.: N.Y.A. )  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: PRINTING APPARATUS, PRINTING)  
METHOD, DATA PROCESSING :  
AND RECORDING MATERIAL ) September 28, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 21 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claim, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

21. (Amended) A printing apparatus according to any one of Claims 17-20, wherein said recording head ejects the ink by heat.

REMARKS

Claim 21 has been amended to remove a typographical error. This change has not been made for purposes related to patentability.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIM 21

21. (Amended) A printing apparatus according to any one of Claims 17-20 [21],  
wherein said recording head ejects the ink by heat.

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